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REMARKS

This is in response to the office action mailed June 27, 2006. Claims 1 to 32 are in this application. Claims 1, 27, 29 and 30 are amended in this response.

The Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 13-15 and 29 to 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Swapp. Claims 1, 2, 9, 26, 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Milano.

Claims 16, 18, 19 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Toda in view of Swapp. Claims 20, 21, 22 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brinkerhoff in view of Swapp. Claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swapp in view of Ruggles.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 4 to 8, 10 to 12, 17 and 23 to 25 are objected to but would be allowable if appropriately rewritten.

The claim amendments

Claims 1, 27, 29 and 30 are amended to comprise wording discussed with the Examiner in various telephone conversations

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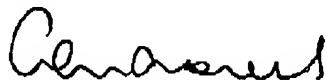
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relating to this application. It is submitted that the amendments to the claims presented herein conform with those put forward by the Examiner. The claim amendments clarify language and terms as discussed with the Examiner and define patentable subject matter over the art cited and applied by the Examiner. The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for assistance and recommendations in the prosecution of the application.

In view of the above, favorable consideration of the amended claims and allowance of the application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (818) 710-2788.

Respectfully submitted,



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